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1. ON JANUARY 10 TURK CYPRIOT BAYRAK RADIO, QUOTING ANATOLIAN AGENCY REPORTS, CLAIMED THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS HAD TOLD UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, THROUGH GREECE, THAT HE ACCEPTED A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM EXCLUDING ENOSIS. TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH, WHO

UPON HIS RETURN TO CYPRUS IN NOVEMBER POSED GREEK RENUNCIATION OF ENOSIS AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS, TERMED ALLEGED GREEK ASSURANCE ON ENOSIS "A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT." HE ALSO ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THAT FURTHER RAPID DEVELOPMENT COULD BE
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EXPECTED SOON.

2. GOC SPOKESMAN JANUARY 10, COMMENTING ON DENKTASH STATEMENT, SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO MENTION OF ENOSIS IN CONNECTION WITH TALKS' RESUMPTION AND THAT MATTER HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT "BECAUSE IN REALITY A QUESTION OF ENOSIS HAS NEITHER BEEN RAISED NOR DOES IT EXIST."

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION HERE ON ALLEGED GREEK ASSURANCES ON ENOSIS. NET RESULT OF GOC'S STATEMENT AND OF DENKTASH'S INTERPRETATION OF REPORT AS "POSITIVE, HOWEVER, MAY BE HELPING IN REDUCING LEVEL OF RHETORIC--BY HALF A DECIBEL. IT COULD ALSO HELP DENKTASH PROCEED WITH RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITHOUT UNDUE LOSS OF FACE. END COMMENT.
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